

**City of Wichita  
District IV Advisory Board Meeting  
June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**TO:** City Council Member Jeff Blubaugh  
District Advisory Board Members

**SUBJECT:** Douglas Avenue from Seneca Street to Meridian Avenue

**INITIATED BY:** Department of Public Works & Utilities

**AGENDA:** New Business

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**Recommendations:** Approve the design concept.

**Background:** On January 18, 2022, City Council approved funding for design of Douglas Avenue improvements from Seneca Street to Meridian Avenue. On July 12, 2022, the City Council approved an agreement with WSP for a design concept.

**Analysis:** Douglas Avenue from Seneca Street to Meridian Avenue is currently a two-lane roadway with narrow sidewalks and poorly marked on-street parking. The design concept includes a three-lane road section with shared bike lanes, improved storm water sewer, six-feet-wide sidewalks on both sides of the road, clearly defined on-street parking, and signalization improvements to the pedestrian crossings. Construction is planned for 2024 and two-way traffic will be maintained during construction.

**Financial Considerations:** The existing budget of \$225,000, of which \$75,000 is from 2023, in Local Sales Tax funding was approved by the City Council on July 12, 2022 from the 2022-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). There is \$310,000 remaining in Local Sales Tax funding in the CIP to complete design. There is also \$400,000 in General Obligation funding for Art. The total project budget is \$5,660,000.

**Legal Considerations:** None

**Recommendation/Actions:** It is recommended that the District Advisory Board recommend approval of the proposed design concept presented by staff.